

March 2022



THE BEACON



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“GETTING PARSONAL” *Rev. William D. Ingraham*

The season of Lent begins today, with our **Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 PM**. The service will be both in-person and remote, on Facebook Live and YouTube. It will be a simple service of music, scripture readings and a brief sermon (more of a Lenten reflection, really) followed by communion and the imposition of ashes. If you're worshipping at home, make sure to have communion elements ready. Perhaps you have access to ashes as well?

Ash Wednesday will be the first service that our new **Organist and Choir Director** will be with us. **Dr. Christopher Grills** earned both a Doctor of Musical Arts in Historical Performance and a Master of Musical Arts degree from Boston University in 2019 and 2016, respectively. His Bachelor of Music degree is from Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington in 2014. In addition to piano and organ, he has extensive study in clavichord and harpsichord. He most recently served on an interim basis as Music Director, Organist and Director of Music at successive churches. Kathy Romano and I were impressed with his playing and his enthusiasm for musical excellence in worship. His intention is to regather the choir very soon so that they can enrich worship on Easter and before.

Several exciting decisions were made at last night's Church Board meeting. First, they have **discontinued masking requirements** in the church building effective immediately. This is in accordance with both the old and the new CDC guidelines. COVID-19 transmission in our area have fallen precipitously and are now well below the transmission rate threshold of 50 per 100,000. On March 1st, the rate was 9 per 100,000 in Essex County and 26 per 100,000 in Rockingham. Of course, we will *always* respect the decision of *anyone* who prefers to wear a mask at any First Church activity or function, whether inside or outside. Please do what feels most comfortable for you. *Do know, the Chapel School is continuing to require masks through the month of March. Anyone in the building during school hours, must still be masked.*

Second, the decision was made to reinstate **Coffee Hour following worship** effective Sunday, March 20th. We have worked out a way to guarantee fresh air circulation into Parish Hall. Having ample fresh air, along with the dramatic decline in COVID transmission rate, made this an easy decision for the Board. We're both excited and eager to return to fellowship gatherings following worship and at other times.

Third, we will begin **live-streaming our service in Parish Hall**, also beginning March 20th. This will occur simultaneously with our service of worship in the sanctuary. For the short term this provides a nice balance for the lack of heat in the sanctuary. But even after this winter is behind us and the new furnaces have been installed, we anticipate having worship live streamed in Parish Hall.

Why aren't we moving worship to Parish Hall while the furnaces aren't working? There are a couple of reasons for this. First, our transmission equipment is built into the sanctuary and cannot be moved. Yes, alternate means could be used in Parish Hall, such as an iPhone or even a video camera broadcasting through a computer. But our experience using those methods for many months had significant issues both with audio and video. Second, and more importantly, we have a significant following among members online. Through the Fall and up until Christmas Eve, as our in-person attendance was growing to its highest level since the pandemic began, we *still* had significantly more church members attending online than in person. We do not want these members to lose access to the quality worship broadcast they have come to count on. True, there is a significant group of non-members and friends who watch our service online on a regular basis -- some from a great distance (other states and even countries). But even that number does not outweigh the percentage of active First Church members who are only worshipping with us remotely currently. For these reasons we have elected to keep worship in the sanctuary through the remaining cold Sundays. We hope that adding a warm, in-person option -- watching together in Parish Hall -- will be helpful in the short term. And following worship everyone can gather around tables for fellowship and refreshments.

Finally, the Church Board is **encouraging committees and groups** to resume meeting at the church. Remote meetings will always be an option for us, especially on dark or snowy nights. But we are longing for contact with our church family and friends. Meeting in-person will afford us the chance, once again, for the "meetings after the meetings," when we stand around catching-up with one another: tell our stories, share our concerns, hugging, laughing, and even complaining about spouses or in-laws! All kidding aside, an essential part of our ministry together is the relationships with cherish with each other. We're ready now to start coming back together. I hope you'll plan to join us, soon.

See you in church!

- *Bill*



Sunday Morning Worship



On Sunday mornings, at 10:00 AM, our weekly worship service is in person, for a limited number of parishioners! A link will be sent out on in the Tuesday and Friday email blasts, so you may *pre-register* to attend in person. You may also call/email the church office to pre-register your attendance.

Worship will continue to be broadcast each Sunday, at 10:00 AM, on Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/FirstChurchMethuen) and posted after the service on our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/channel/UCfLSjhXs9UG8yC89aB8evrA). The service can be viewed at any time on either platform. An Order of Worship will be emailed out each Friday before the service.

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Sunday Fellowship Zoom

Fellowship Time will be held on Sunday mornings, starting at 11:15 AM, over Zoom, following the worship service *until Sunday, March 20th, when we will resume in person coffee hour.* A Zoom link will be provided via the Friday email to access this gathering until then.

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Prayer Requests/List



We print a Prayer List within the weekly Sunday bulletin. To have someone included on the bulletin prayer list, please let Roberta, in the Church Office, know at 978-687-1240 or firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com. No request is too big or too small! If you have someone listed that no longer needs to be, please let Roberta know so they can be removed from the list.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact Rev. Ingraham at pastor.bill.ingraham@gmail.com or 978-687-1240.



2022 Lenten Services

at

First Church Congregational

United Church of Christ

Wednesday, March 2nd:

7:00 PM – *Ash Wednesday* ~ Beginning Lent's journey with a contemplative service of communion and the imposition of ashes.

Sunday, April 10th:

10:00 AM – *Palm Sunday* ~ A Triumphal Entry and Celebration of Palms

Thursday, April 14th:

7:00 PM – *Maundy Thursday* ~ A Service of Communion and Tenebrae (dramatic liturgy of Shadows and the Last Supper Together)

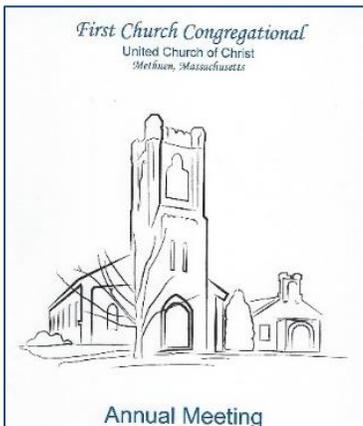
Sunday, April 17th:

10:00 AM – *Easter Sunday* ~ A Joyous Celebration!

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Annual Reports are Due

All Committees should submit their annual report to the Church Office **no later than Friday, April 1st**. If it is not received, it may not be included in the 2021-22 Annual Report.



Please contact Roberta at 978-687-1240, if there is any issue. You can submit your report electronically to firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15th.

Thank you for your cooperation.

From the Outreach Ministry Team

2022 Souper Bowl Challenge



What an exciting finish we had to the 2022 Souper Bowl of Caring! Although we were not physically in church, the competition between Team Right and Team Left was outstanding! At the end of 4 Quarters, Team Left had donated 319 cans of soup and \$1,325 in donations for a final score of 1,644. The Chapel School ended the Souper Bowl with 90 cans of soup donated.

You may recall that at the end of the 3rd Quarter we challenged Team Right to stage a Tom Brady “Fourth Quarter” comeback, and that’s just what they did! At the end of 4 Quarters, Team Right had donated 537 cans of soup and \$1,345 in donations for a final score of 1,882. Team Right won the Souper Bowl trophy for 2022. Team Left has won the Trophy for the previous 2 years so this is a happy victory for Team Right.

The real winner is Neighbors In Need as all of us together collected 946 cans of soup and \$2,670 in donations for their Food Pantries. The Outreach Ministry Team thanks everyone for their generous support of the 2022 Souper Bowl of Caring.

Stride into the Light 2022

After much thoughtful conversation and prayerful consideration, Kerri Bedard, “Stride into the Light” Chairperson, and the Outreach Ministry Team have decided to take a year off and not hold our Annual “Stride into the Light” Race/Walk in 2022. Due to the Pandemic last year’s race was held virtually and the previous year’s race was cancelled, also due to the pandemic.



We would like to have had an in person race this year, but with a still active pandemic, we decided to take a year off from this event. Prior to next year we will evaluate our opportunities and decide how to continue with this event in 2023. We look forward to bringing this important race/walk back to our community to continue raising awareness of mental health issues, especially suicide.

2022 Diaper Drive



Outreach invites our church family to participate in the 2022 Diaper Drive. One of the surprising things we learned when planning this Drive is that the cost of diapers, which are essential for babies, cannot be covered by social safety net programs like WIC and food stamps. The average cost for one month of diapers per child is approximately \$75 which can be almost 10% of a full-time minimum wage salary and it is one of the hidden costs of poverty. The cost is even higher for newborns. In this issue of the Beacon is a flyer with detailed information about when and where you can make donations to this Drive.

Mental Health Awareness Sunday

We are continuing to work on finalizing details with a speaker to speak on Mental Health Sunday, April 24, 2022. This year we are focusing on promoting mental and emotional health for families and children, especially during the pandemic. In previous years we have focused on suicide prevention and substance abuse.



2022 Diaper Drive



What: The Outreach Team invites you to participate in our 2022 **Diaper Drive**. You can help by donating diapers and wipes, or by making a monetary donation to help purchase them.

Who: First Church Congregational Methuen will be holding the diaper drive in partnership with **Communities Together, Inc.**, a collaborative of Protestant and Catholic churches in Andover, Lawrence, Methuen, and North Andover. The diaper collection will be distributed to various social agencies in the Merrimack Valley, including Lazarus House, Bread and Roses, Neighbors in Need, and others.

Why: The need for diapers in Methuen and surrounding communities is great, as evidenced by the following facts.

- Families spend \$75 a month on average to diaper one child, or 8% of a full-time minimum wage salary.
- Diaper need remains a common and hidden problem of poverty made worse by job losses and social isolation.
- Though diapers are essential for babies, they are not systematically covered by safety-net policies. Neither WIC nor food stamps cover diapers.

Where and When: Diapers and wipes, as well as monetary donations, may be dropped off in the parking lot behind First Church Congregational, 26 Pleasant Street, Methuen, on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, March 19th, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Saturday, March 26th, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Saturday, April 2nd, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Notes: Checks should be made payable to **First Church Congregational**, with **Diaper Drive** on the memo line. Mail to 26 Pleasant St., Methuen, MA 01844 *no later than Monday, April 4th*.

Thank you!



2022 Souper Bowl Challenge

What a great finish to the 2022 Souper Bowl of Caring! And Congratulations to Team Right!!

THANK YOU!

First Church, Congregational, Methuen, MA's 2022 Collection

raised:

\$2,670 and 943 food items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 13, 2022

Alison Reese
Executive Director
Souper Bowl of Caring



Walking Group for Fitness and Fellowship

Tuesdays in March

We will return to the **Raymond Martin Riverside Park** in Methuen for our March walks. We will be walking at **10:00 AM** on the following Tuesdays: **3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, and 3/29**. Hopefully we will start to see some signs of Spring! Come join us!

Sunday Walk on the Methuen Rail Trail

Our scheduled rail trail walk for March will be on **Sunday 3/20 at 12:00 PM**. We will meet at far end of the MSPCA parking lot. If you haven't walked the rail trail in a while, come join us and check out the artwork and poetry along the path. There's also a Little Free Library located where we access the trail, so if you would like, bring a book to share with the community.



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Don't Forget!!



Sunday, March 13th

Change your clocks and batteries.

First Day of Spring is March 20th!!

Prayer Shawl Ministry



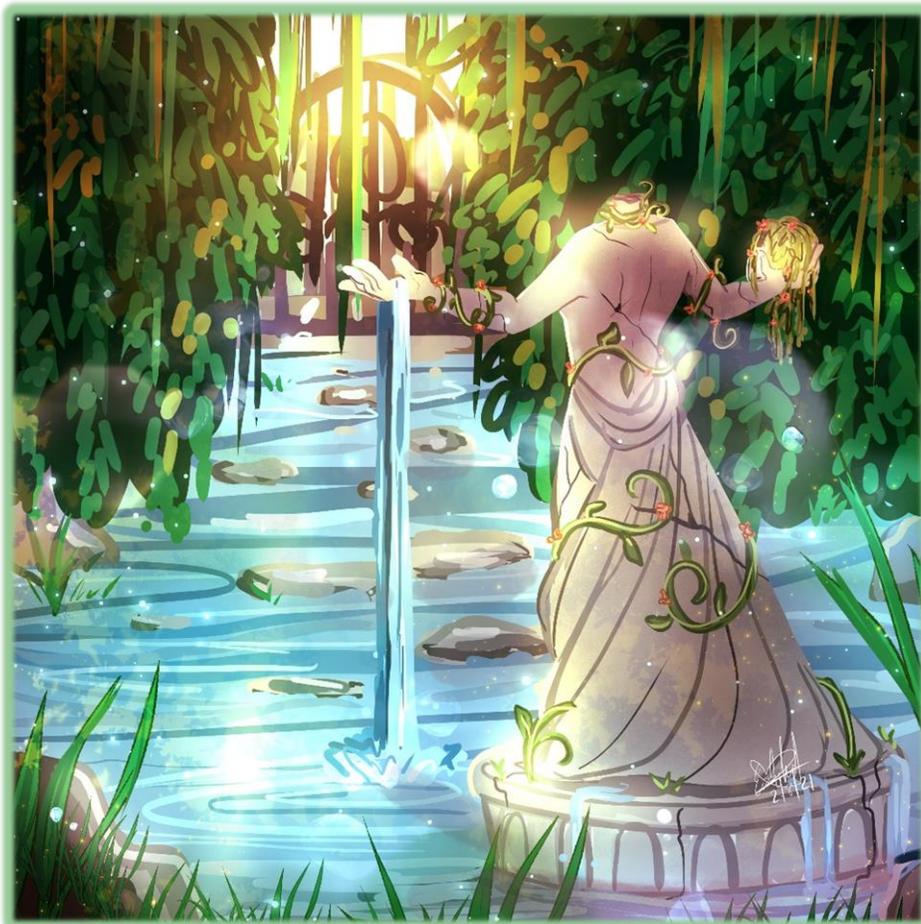
The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets year-round and always welcomes anyone who wishes to be part of this ministry. Knitting or crocheting experience is not a prerequisite to becoming a member. Come for the fellowship and someone will be glad to help you if needed. Please contact Anne Benedix or Carol Gray for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue to meet on Zoom for March.
We invite you to join us on Zoom, **Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.**

The Zoom link will be provided weekly to Prayer Shawl Ministry members. If you would like to attend, please email the Church Office at firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com for the link.



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Original Artwork by Emily Jurovich

The Chapel School



New England weather is always changing which makes it always a surprise. Even the best weather forecast can change presenting daily wardrobe changes. The children don't seem to mind the cold as much as the adults. Even with our heating issues this past winter, they seem resilient whereas the staff is always double layered and ready for anything.

The children love to be outside even in the winter and especially when they can play in the snow.

We recently had Kathy Moran-Wallace, from the Nevins Memorial Library, here to take us on a story walk around the building reading and animating the classic children's book, "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats. She prepared by displaying each page of the book on the walls from the lobby area down to and around the Parish Hall. Each classroom had their turn to listen to her tell the story, ask questions, predict what would happen next, and comment on how they would feel as the story unfolded. They walked through each area and even acted out the story as they moved from one area to another. The story of Jack and his day in the snow never gets old. Children are always fascinated with the story and helps them develop predictability and timelines. Math and Science activities lend themselves to enriching the story as well. Follow up activities can include counting the steps and snow prints in the snow, watching snow melt and freeze again.

The library is such a great resource and one that is underutilized in today's world. Children love books and especially love being read to at this age. The latest initiative to motivate our young emerging readers is **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**. It is a great incentive to promote reading from home to school to visiting the library. Attached is the flyer that you can share with any young children you may know.



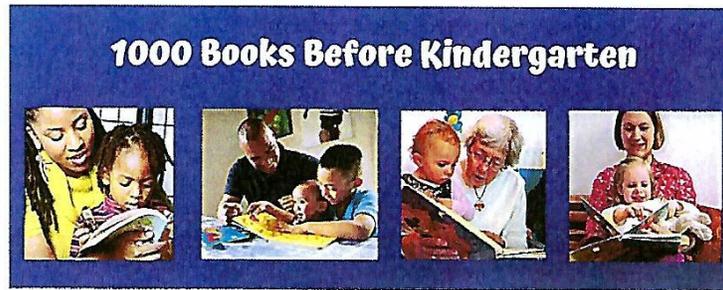
Reading a good book is like taking a trip without ever leaving your home and your comfy couch.

Wrapped up with a blanket in the Winter or sitting outside in the Summer is a great way to enjoy a great book. Fiction, nonfiction, autobiographies, travel books. Nothing is off limits. I love to read books that are made into movies. With the Oscars coming up at the end of the month, go find a great book to read.

Cindy Mazella

Director

*Dream Big
READ!*



Presented by the Nevins Memorial Library

Welcome to the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative, a program that encourages families and caregivers to read with their infants, toddlers, and preschoolers before they enter kindergarten. Studies show that regularly reading aloud to children helps strengthen their language skills, builds their vocabulary, and lays the groundwork for them to be successful readers on their own.

1000 books might sound like a lot, but they can add up quickly -- for example, reading one book a day for three years, or three books a day for one year, adds up to 1,095 books!

There is no reading list for this program -- *any* book, read by *anyone*, counts – your log can include books read at home, preschool, library storytimes, child care sites, and so on.

How to Participate

To get started, come by the Children’s Department to get a paper reading log for your first 100 books (or download the PDF from the Nevins Library website). There is a new log sheet for every 100 books you read, and you can also track your reading on Beanstack at nevinslibrary.beanstack.org (or download the app on your mobile device).

Each time you have read 100 more books, come get some fun incentives for your child: a necklace brag tag and their name on our beautiful Readers’ Rainbow! If you’d like, we’ll also take a commemorative photo in front of the rainbow, and we’ll send you off with the log sheet for your next 100 books.

When you’ve reached 500 books, we’ll give you a free book – and when you’ve reached 1000, come see us for a “graduation” surprise!

Funding for Beanstack was made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).





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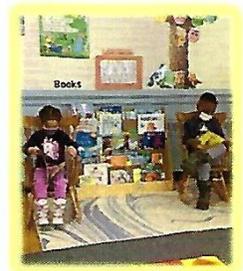
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2022 Lenten Noon Service Series

Please join us for our series of Wednesday Lenten Services, a time of spiritual reflection and renewal brought to you by Communities Together, Inc.

March 2 Faith Lutheran Church

360 Main Street, Andover

- Host Pastor: Pr Jeanette Leisk
- Guest Homilist: Rev. Cassandra Chavez, Redeemer Lutheran, Andover
- Virtual Live Stream: Zoom: [Link from faith-andover.org](#)

March 13 St. Augustine Church

43 Essex Street, Andover

- Homilist: Deacon Mike Curran, St. Augustine, Andover
- Virtual Live Stream: *In person, on website: [staugustineparish.org](#)

March 16 First Calvary Baptist Church

586 Mass Avenue, North Andover

- Host Pastor: Pr Jeff Snyder
- Guest Homilist: TBD
- Virtual Live Stream: [Facebook and YouTube](#)

March 23 Ballard Vale United Church

23 Clark Road, Andover

- Host Pastor: Pr Adam Ibitysky
- Guest Homilist: Pr Jeanette Leisk, Faith Lutheran, Andover
- Virtual Live Stream: *In person, Facebook [bvuc](#) or www.bvuc.org

March 30 First United Methodist Church

57 Peters Street, North Andover

- Host Pastor: Rev. Mack Hagins
- Guest Homilist: Rev. Carrie Ann Burnap, Forest St. Union, Methuen
- Virtual Live Stream: Zoom Link: [from www.northandoverumc.org](http://www.northandoverumc.org)

April 6 St. Paul's Episcopal Church *(Light Lunch to be served following service)*

390 Street, North Andover

- Host Pastor: Rev. Sarah D Mato
- Guest Homilist: Rev. Joel Amondo, Grace Episcopal, Lawrence
- Virtual Live Stream: In person or Zoom with link on website: stpaulnorthandover.org
- Communities Together Annual Meeting to Follow!



2022 Easter Giving



If you would like to donate and/or order a plant for Easter, please use this form and return it to the church office by **Sunday, April 10th**. Please note: We will need time to order the plants. All donations and orders received by this deadline will be listed in the "Easter Giving Booklet".

Plant Order

All Easter plants at **\$15.00 per plant**, please indicate quantity below:

Easter Lily _____*
(white lily)

Tulip _____*

Mona Lisa Lily _____*
(pink & white lily)

Please print

Given in Loving Memory of _____

In Celebration/Honor of _____
(circle choice)

Given by _____

**After the Easter service, all plants will be delivered to a homebound member or friend of the church*

Donation

BUILDING MAINTENANCE _____ OPERATING EXPENSE _____

ORGAN RESTORATION _____ OUTREACH _____

REACH TEAM _____ OTHER _____

Please print

Given in Loving Memory of _____

In Celebration/Honor of _____
(circle choice)

Given by _____

Please make check payable to: *First Church Congregational* ("Easter Giving" in memo)

Thank you and Happy Easter!

What's the REACH Ministry?



Do you know of someone facing surgery, recovering from surgery or living with a long-term illness? Do you know someone who has recently lost their job or could use financial support? Do you know someone who suffers from depression or is often down in the dumps around the holidays?

Maybe this person is you?

If so, we can help. Our new REACH Ministry wants to make sure that members of our community have a place to turn for support in their time of need. The term REACH stands for -- Reliable, Engaging, Able, Caring and Heartfelt support.

Contact Judi Boyko or Pat King for more information.

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Need Financial Help?

If you, or another member of First Church you know, is need of some temporary financial assistance, please contact Rev. Ingraham at pastor.bill.ingraham@gmail.com or 978-687-1240.

Due to the generosity of Thomas Longworth, through his estate plan, there are some funds available for short term financial assistance of our members.

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Would you like to make an electronic donation to the church?



Use your smart phone or tablet by scanning this QR code!

Or visit our website at www.firstchurchmethuen.com and click the "Ways to Donate" page.

Thank you for your support.



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – March 2022 (Year C)

Tues., Mar. 1

Psalm 35:11-28
Ezekiel 1:1–2:1
Acts 10:23b-33

Wed., Mar. 2

Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *or* Isaiah
58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thurs., Mar. 3

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Exodus 5:10-23
Acts 7:30-34

Fri., Mar. 4

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Exodus 6:1-13
Acts 7:35-42

Sat., Mar. 5

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
John 12:27-36

Sun., Mar. 6

First Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Mon., Mar. 7

Psalm 17
1 Chronicles 21:1-17
1 John 2:1-6

Tues., Mar. 8

Psalm 17
Zechariah 3:1-10
2 Peter 2:4-21

Wed., Mar. 9

Psalm 17
Job 1:1-22
Luke 21:34–22:6

Thurs., Mar. 10

Psalm 27
Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18
Philippians 3:2-12

Fri., Mar. 11

Psalm 27
Genesis 14:17-24
Philippians 3:17-20

Sat., Mar. 12

Psalm 27
Psalm 118:26-29
Matthew 23:37-39

Sun., Mar. 13

Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17–4:1
Luke 13:31-35 *or* Luke
9:28-36

Mon., Mar. 14

Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42
Exodus 33:1-6
Romans 4:1-12

Tues., Mar. 15

Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42
Numbers 14:10b-24
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Wed., Mar. 16

Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42
2 Chronicles 20:1-22
Luke 13:22-31

Thurs., Mar. 17

Psalm 63:1-8
Daniel 3:19-30
Revelation 2:8-11

Fri., Mar. 18

Psalm 63:1-8
Daniel 12:1-4
Revelation 3:1-6

Sat., Mar. 19

Psalm 63:1-8
Isaiah 5:1-7
Luke 6:43-45

Sun. Mar. 20

Third Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

Mon., Mar. 21

Psalm 39
Jeremiah 11:1-17
Romans 2:1-11

Tues., Mar. 22

Psalm 39
Ezekiel 17:1-10
Romans 2:12-16

Wed., Mar. 23

Psalm 39
Numbers 13:17-27
Luke 13:18-21

Thurs., Mar. 24

Psalm 32
Joshua 4:1-13
2 Corinthians 4:16–5:5

Fri., Mar. 25

Psalm 32
Joshua 4:14-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-15

Sat., Mar. 26

Psalm 32
Exodus 32:7-14
Luke 15:1-10

Sun., Mar. 27

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Mon., Mar. 28

Psalm 53
Leviticus 23:26-41
Revelation 19:1-8

Tues., Mar. 29

Psalm 53
Leviticus 25:1-19
Revelation 19:9-10

Wed., Mar. 30

Psalm 53
2 Kings 4:1-7
Luke 9:10-17

Thurs., Mar. 31

Psalm 126
Isaiah 43:1-7
Philippians 2:19-24

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Happy Birthday!

- 01 Charlene Bunting
- 03 Thomas Savastano
- 06 Haleigh Sanborn, John Silva
- 08 Heather LoCicero
- 10 Richard Dewhirst
- 12 Nicholas Jurovich
- 14 Dominic Alaimo, George Simonian
- 15 Dennis Michaud
- 17 Patrick Romano, Rebecca Smith
- 19 Kate Dockham, Adam LoCicero
- 22 Abigail Boyko, Alexander Boyko
- 24 Jack Napier
- 25 Carole Sanborn
- 28 Jessica Borislow
- 29 Emily Jurovich, Kristen Pare
- 31 Ray Valcourt



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Hanson Causbie
- 05 Michael Alaimo
- 07 Justin Hodgkins

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MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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|------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 3/4 | Larry & Robyn Sliney | Married 27 years |
| 3/6 | Patrick & Rebecca Wright | Married 17 years |
| 3/15 | Bill & Lori Bennett | Married 42 years |
| 3/28 | Stephen & Judi Boyko | Married 30 years |



March 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Service <i>Sundays at 10:00 AM</i> In-Person & on Facebook Live www.facebook.com/firstchurchmethuen		1 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park) 4:00 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Church Board	2 Ash Wednesday 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Ash Wed Service	3	4	5
6 Communion 11:15 AM Fellowship	7	8 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park) 4:00 PM Food Pantry	9 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Diaconate	10	11	12
13 11:15 AM Fellowship	14 4:00 PM Chapel Staff 6:30 PM Outreach	15 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park) 4:00 PM Food Pantry	16 April BEACON deadline 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM MDCC	17 	18	19 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Diaper Drive Donation Drop-Off
20 11:15 AM Fellowship 12:00 PM Walking Group (Methuen Rail Trail)	21 6:30 PM Stewardship	22 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park) 4:00 PM Food Pantry	23 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl	24	25	26 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Diaper Drive Donation Drop-Off
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Dates and times are subject to change

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